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SENATE BILL

No. 266

Introduced by Senator Romero

February 15, 2005

An act to add Section 1797.1995 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 266, as amended, Romero. Trauma care.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act (EMS act), establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority within the California Health and Human Services Agency to provide, among other things, statewide coordination of county EMS programs, and administration of the Trauma Care Fund.

This bill would require the authority to establish a trauma care advisory committee and would require the committee to develop a statewide trauma care plan and to present the plan to the authority and to provide the plan to the Legislature along with the authority's comments by January 1, 2007.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1797.1995 is added to the Health and
- 2 Safety Code, immediately following Section 1797.199, to read:

1 1797.1995. (a) The authority shall establish a trauma
2 advisory committee. The committee shall be composed of the
3 following members:

4 (1) ____ members appointed by the authority from
5 representatives of all professions and entities related to trauma
6 care, including, but not limited to, emergency room and trauma
7 physicians and surgeons, nurses, administrators, hospitals, ~~and~~
8 managed care providers, *and prehospital and critical care*
9 *transport*. Appointments by the authority shall be made, with
10 special consideration to the specific needs of pediatric trauma
11 care and of rural areas.

12 (2) The following nonvoting members:

13 (A) The Governor's Deputy Legislative Secretary.

14 (B) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Health.

15 (C) The Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health.

16 (b) The committee shall develop a recommended statewide
17 trauma plan which shall be presented to the authority and
18 provided to the Legislature along with the comments of the
19 authority, by January 1, 2007. The statewide plan shall include
20 all aspects of a trauma care system, including, but not limited to,
21 a statewide seamless transportation system addressing all
22 possible gaps in coverage, all possible funding sources,
23 including, but not limited to, taxes, fees, or services participation
24 contributions in lieu thereof, from trauma care systems or
25 professionals and all other stakeholders.

26 (c) Notwithstanding Sections 7.5 and 7.6 of the Government
27 Code, more than one of the nonvoting members may be
28 represented by a deputy at any meeting of the committee.

29 (d) The authority may appoint members to the committee from
30 the membership of its ad hoc trauma care advisory working
31 group in existence immediately preceding January 1, 2006.

32 (e) Members of the committee shall not receive compensation,
33 but shall receive reimbursement for expenses, for their service on
34 the committee.